

CLINICIAN/EXPERT	WHO WAS CONSULTANT WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT, CARE & TREATMENT OF CLAIRE FROM APPROX 14.00HRS ON 22 <sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 1996 TO 23 <sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 1996?	REF
<b>MEDICAL</b>		
Dr J Puthuchear	<i>"I had no further contact with Claire or her family after she was transferred out of the A/E."</i>	Ref: WS-134/1, p.10 Q26
Dr B O'Hare	<i>"I do not know who was on call on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1996. The consultant in Allen Ward would have been responsible from 9am in 22 October 1996."</i>	Ref: WS-135/1, p.18 Q27
Dr H Steen	Dr. Steen accepted at the Inquest that she was the Consultant on take at that time and that Claire fell within her remit. She claimed to have been aware that Claire was in the ward at 09:00 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> October but could not recall if she examined Claire before that time. She recalled that when she contacted the ward, she was told that Dr. Webb had seen Claire <i>"and had taken over her management"</i> . Dr. Steen was not contacted again until 03:00 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October.	Ref: 091-011-067
	Dr Steen says at approx 15.10 hrs on 22 October 1996 the named paediatrician for this case remained herself with Dr. Webb now managing Claire's neurological condition.	Ref: WS-143/1, p.32, Q28(e)
	<i>"There was a paediatric consultant on call from 09.00 22-10-96 until 0900 on the 23-10-96. I was not that consultant and do not know who was on-call. After 17.00 hours that consultant would have been first point of contact for paediatric medical problems. There would have been a paediatric neurologist on call but I do not know who that was. Practice was that the registrar or senior nurses Monday to Friday could also contact the named consultant for that patient even though that consultant was not on call and did not have to respond if unable to do so."</i>	Ref: WS-143/1, p. 45, Q29(ee)
	<i>"I note in my statement to the Coroner that I recollected contacting the ward and being told Dr Webb had seen her and had taken over her management. I no longer recollect this. When I was called to PICU at 0300 hours on the 23d October, I contacted Dr Webb and undertook joint care with him and the paediatric intensive care consultants."</i>	Ref: WS-143/1, p.46, Q29(ff)
Dr D Webb	Dr. Webb is clear that Dr. Steen was the consultant responsible for Claire's care and treatment between her	Ref: WS-138/1, p. 7-9,

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	admission and her death. He states that the Paediatric Neurology Team did not at any time formally take over Claire's care. He did not consider himself to have taken over Claire's care from Dr. Steen and he was not asked to take over her care. He said the normal practice was that a request for transfer was made to the specialist Consultant prior to transfer, and that he would not expect a transfer of care to be made without being asked. If the admitting Consultant was unavailable, Dr. Webb states the normal practice would have been that the admitting Consultant would contact the second Consultant before any transfer of care. Also, a note is usually made in the medical and nursing notes to document a transfer of care between teams – no note was made in Claire's case and he did not discuss a transfer of care with anyone. Parents would also be told informally of the plan to transfer care. If Claire had been taken over by his team he states he would probably have moved Claire to the Paediatric Neurology Ward. Dr. Webb states to his knowledge no other member of the paediatric neurology team examined Claire during that admission to the Children's Hospital.	p. 96-97
	Dr Webb also stated that he was not informed of Claire's deterioration at 8pm and would have expected to have been informed. He would have been available as [we] were providing on-call. He was only informed once Claire had been declared brain dead and no other member of his team was informed. At 8pm there commenced a sustained deterioration and he would have expected to have been alerted to that.	Ref: 096-010-069
Dr A Sands	Dr. Sands says he does not recall and is not aware whether Claire's care had been formally taken over by Dr. Webb/the neurology team and such an agreement would usually be between consultants. He considered himself under the supervision of Dr. Steen, and when Dr. Webb saw and examined Claire he regarded himself as partly under the supervision of Dr. Webb also. Following Dr. Webb's first attendance, he understood that Claire was being jointly cared for by the medical and neurology team. Claire remained on Allen Ward and both the medical and neurology team were contributing to Claire's care – responsibility for Claire's management was shared. He accepts that he did not record this change in management and does not recall the reason why. He states that transfer of care arrangements " <i>grew informally, depending on the nature of the patient's clinical problem</i> ", but a change from sole care of a medical team to joint care of a medical team and a team from another speciality may have involved verbal agreement between consultants. There is no record of any such verbal agreement or discussion. He claims that actual transfer of care may or may not have been recorded in the medical or nursing notes, and that it was not uncommon to have no specific statement in the medical notes of a transfer of care. However Dr Sands believed that by 17:15 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> October Dr. Webb's team was primarily responsible for Claire's care as all of Claire's direct consultant care had been given by the paediatric neurologist on duty, but the medical team on Allen Ward were also	Ref: WS-137/1, p. 17 Q8, 096-002-014  Ref: WS-137/2, p. 3 Q2, p. 4 Q3, p.5-6 Q3, p.18 Q22  Ref: WS-137/2, p. 21 Q30, p.25 Q38  Ref: WS-137/1, p.29 Q12  Ref: WS-138/1, p.8 Q2

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	assisting with that care.	
Dr R Stevenson	<i>"I believed Claire was under Dr Steen, as her named consultant between her admission and up to the time of my leaving the ward at the end of shift [17.30]. I am unable to recall if there had been a formal transfer of responsibilities to Dr Webb or that if he was providing advice in managing Claire's condition."</i>	Ref: WS-139/1, p.28 Q40:
	He says that the basis for his belief that Dr Steen was responsible for Claire's care on 22 October 1996 was on hearing the next morning that Claire had died in PICU and he knew that Dr Steen was the duty Consultant for Allen Ward at that time.	Ref: WS-139/2, p.6 Q6
Dr B Bartholome	<i>"The patient was admitted under the medical team on 21 October 1996. Dr Steen was the consultant responsible for Claire Roberts' care (090-014-020). The paediatric neurology team was consulted to assess Claire and help with her treatment. Dr David Webb was the Paediatric Neurology consultant who documented his assessment and treatment plan."</i>	Ref: WS-142/1, p.22 Q33
Dr J Hughes	Dr Hughes does not recall which consultant was responsible for Claire and her management, care and treatment between her admission on 21 <sup>st</sup> October 1996 and her death on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 1996; nor does she recall who was the paediatric consultant on call on the evening of 22 October 1996 and the morning of 23 October 1996.	Ref: WS-140/1, p.30 Q45
Dr S McKaigue	Dr McKaigue believes there were 4 consultants responsible for Claire's management, care and treatment between her admission on 21 <sup>st</sup> October 1996 and her death on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 1996. Claire was admitted into hospital under the care of Dr Steen Consultant Paediatrician. Dr Webb Consultant Paediatric Neurologist provided neurology advice. Dr McKaigue Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist provided Intensive Care support. Dr Taylor Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist provided Intensive Care support. Dr Steen is the consultant paediatrician who he believes was on call on the night of 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 1996 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 1996 and responsible for Claire immediately prior to her admission to PICU.	Ref: WS-156/1, p.11 Q8

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Dr R Taylor	Dr. Taylor believes Dr. Steen was the named Consultant Paediatrician responsible for Claire immediately prior to her admission to PICU.	Ref: WS-157/1, p.4-5 Q7a
<b>NURSES</b>		
E A Jackson (A&E)	Says that Dr Steen as the Consultant under whom Claire was admitted on 21 <sup>st</sup> October 1996.	Ref: WS-144/1, p.8 Q27
T Blue (A&E)	The question as to who was the Consultant with responsibility for Claire was not put to this witness.	Ref: WS-161/1
G McRandal	<i>"I believe Dr Heather Steen was the paediatric Consultant responsible for Claire's care, treatment and management following her admission to Allen Ward on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1996. As I have no recollection of this period of time, I have based this belief on the fact that I have documented it on the Nursing Information Sheet which I completed when Claire was admitted to Allen Ward at 9.45pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1996. I was not on duty after 8am on 22<sup>nd</sup> of October so I could not comment on any time thereafter."</i>	Ref: WS-145/1, p.21 Q33 Ref: 090-041-142 Nursing Information Sheet
B Maxwell	<i>"Claire's consultant from a general paediatric perspective was Dr Heather Steen (paediatrician)."</i>	Ref: WS-146/1, p.17 Q25
S Field (now Jordan)	<i>"According to the admission document Ref (090-014-020) Dr Steen was the consultant in charge of Claire's care during the shift I worked."</i>	Ref: WS-148/1, p.20 Q26 Ref: 090-014-020 Admission Sheet (to Allen Ward)

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K Taylor	<i>"I can identify from Claire's admission sheet that the Consultant she was admitted under was Dr H Steen."</i>	Ref: WS-150/1, p.14 Q25  Ref: 090-014-020 Admission Sheet (to Allen Ward)
L McCann	<i>"According to the notes Dr Steen."</i>	Ref: WS-151/1, p.25 Q27
R Murphy	<i>"I cannot remember."</i>	Ref: WS-152/1, p.20 Q27
S Ross (PICU)	<i>"I do not recall which Consultant was on call on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1996."</i>	Ref: WS-153/1, p.9 Q13 (k)
M Wilkin (PICU)	Was not on duty when Claire was admitted to PICU on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 1996. She completed the PICU form at 090-027-078 and 090-027-079 and states that the source and basis for the recording of "Consultants: Dr Steen" was the Admission Sheet (Allen Ward).	Ref: WS-154/1, p.8 & 9 Q13 & Q14  Ref: 090-027-078 (PICU Admission Forms)
A Pollock	<i>"I believe that Dr Heather Steen and Dr David Webb were responsible for Claire and her management during this time."</i>	Ref: WS-225/1, p.12 Q31

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<b>EXPERTS</b>		
Professor B Neville	<i>"It appears from the documents that Dr Steen and the medical team retained primary care of Claire whilst seeking specialist advice from Dr Webb. .... If Dr Steen was looking after Claire, she should have seen her on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1996 and followed up on Dr Webb's attendances. I would have expected Dr Steen to have seen Claire before Dr Webb attended at approximately 14.00, because the findings of Dr Sands on the ward round would have required her to attend."</i>	Ref: 232-002-007
Dr R Scott-Jupp	Dr Scott-Jupp says from 17.15hrs on 22 October 1996 [after Claire is seen again by Dr Webb] it appears there was some uncertainty as to who was taking ongoing responsibility for Claire. Dr Webb should have spoken directly to the Paediatric Registrar or Consultant on the general team that was on call that evening, or possibly have discussed Claire directly with the Consultant on call for Paediatric Intensive Care at the time. Any transfer of care should have been either by direct Consultant conversation or experienced Registrar to Consultant. It should have been recorded in the notes by the team requesting the transfer of care. He would have expected the on call paediatric Team and either Dr Steen or her General paediatric colleague who was on call that evening to have had responsibility for Claire's care after 5pm on 22 October 1996.	Ref: 234-002-007
Mrs S Ramsay	<i>"The identity of the child's consultant was usually recorded on the nursing records and I note that Claire's consultant was Dr Steen. I would not have been usual to make specific reference to this during the nursing handover. However, I believe the nurses could have concluded that Dr Webb had taken over her care. Claire had neurological problems. Dr Webb was a consultant neurologist and spent a length of time examining Claire and interviewing her mother, whereas Dr Steen did not visit Claire."</i>	Ref: 231-002-018